

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on General Laws

This bill establishes the Missouri Firearms Freedom Act. In its main provisions, the bill specifies that a personal firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition that is manufactured commercially or privately in the State of Missouri and that remains within the borders of the state is not subject to federal law or regulation, including registration, under the authority of Congress to regulate interstate commerce. These provisions apply to any firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition that can be manufactured without the inclusion of any significant parts imported into the state. Any generic or insignificant parts imported into this state that have other manufacturing or consumer product applications and are used to manufacture a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition in this state are not subject to federal regulation. Certain specified firearms are excluded from the provisions of the bill.

The bill requires any firearm manufactured or sold in the state under these provisions to have the words "Made in Missouri" clearly stamped on a central metallic part of the firearm.

The bill changes the minimum age a person can be issued a concealed carry endorsement from 21 years of age to 19 years of age.

The bill exempts a member of an ambulance service who is employed on a full-time basis as an emergency medical technician or paramedic and has met the training requirements for a concealed carry endorsement from the crime of unlawful use of a weapon when the use is reasonably associated with or is necessary to the fulfillment of his or her official duties.

The bill allows an applicant for a concealed carry endorsement to request that the required fingerprint background check be done anonymously. If a request is made, the sheriff must submit the fingerprint background check with a tracking number instead of any personal identifying information. The appropriate law enforcement agencies must report the results of the anonymous fingerprint background check to the sheriff in the same manner as those submitted with personal identifying information. Whenever the results of the check do not disqualify the applicant for a concealed carry endorsement, all records of the fingerprints submitted anonymously must be purged from both the sheriff's and any law enforcement agency's records in which the fingerprints were submitted.

The bill authorizes the State Highway Patrol to also conduct anonymous fingerprint background checks. The sheriff and the

patrol may charge an additional fee of up to \$100 for submitting the anonymous fingerprint background check allowed by these provisions.